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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VELIOTES (NEA)
FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF OPIC OFFICER TO CAIRO

REF: (A) CAIRO 11567, (B) STATE 104063, (C) STATE 104062

1. OUR PRELIMINARY REPLY TO REF C PROPOSING ASSIGNMENT
OF OPIC OFFICER TO CAIRO IS CONTAINED IN REF A. THAT
MESSAGE WAS DRAFTED JOINTLY BY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND
AID AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT WITH CONCERNED
ELEMENTS OF COUNTRY TEAM.

2. LIKE YOU, WE ARE TEPID ON THE IDEA AND QUESTION
WHETHER A RESIDENT OPIC OFFICER WOULD APPRECIABLY CHANGE
SITUATION. I FEAR THAT SFRC AND OPIC MAY BE WORKING ON
A WRONG SET OF ASSUMPTIONS AS TO THE CAUSES OF SLUGGISH
CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN EGYPT. WE HAVE TRIED TO ADDRESS
THIS POINT IN REF A. I ALSO HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE
"RESPONSIBILITY" ASPECT OF ANY OPIC OFFICER ASSIGNED HERE
AND, WERE THIS TO HAPPEN, WOULD INSIST THAT (A) OPIC
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ABIDE BY THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVES ON RESPONSIBILITY OF
CHIEFS OF MISSION AND (B) ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE SENT
THROUGH OUR CHANNELS TO INSURE THAT MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE
ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION HAVE ADEQUATE IN-PUT.

3. AT SAME TIME, I WOULD NOT WANT TO RULE OUT THE IDEA
IF, AFTER CAREFUL STUDY IN WASHINGTON AND HERE, WE

CONCLUDE IT MAY HAVE SOME MERIT. IN THAT CASE, SUCH OFFICER OUGHT TO BE ATTACHED TO AID UNDER SOME PASA ARRANGEMENT. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE PRESIDENT'S WISHES THAT THE AMERICAN PROFILE ABROAD BE KEPT AS LOW AS POSSIBLE, WE SHOULD AVOID ACTIVITIES THAT DO NO MORE THAN DUPLICATE WHAT IS ALREADY BEING DONE OR marginally IMPROVE ON IT. BASED ON DESCRIPTION GIVEN REF C, MUCH OF WHAT IS PROPOSED IS ALREADY BEING DONE.

4. IT IS CLEARLY DESIRABLE TO KNOW THE EXTENT OF SFRC INTEREST IN THIS MATTER. IT IS NOT ONE ON WHICH I SEE ANY UTILITY TO A KNOCK-DOWN, DRAG-OUT FIGHT WITH THE SFRC, BUT AN EFFORT OUGHT TO BE MADE TO EXPLAIN TO THE MEMBERS (A) WHAT IS ALREADY TAKING PLACE IN THIS SPHERE AND (B) OUR IMPRESSION THAT AN OPIC OFFICER WOULD NOT APPRECIABLY CHANGE THE SITUATION. ANYTHING THAT YOU OR YOUR COLLEAGUES MAY BE ABLE TO DO ALONG THESE LINES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. I APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST AND YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN ALERTING ME TO THE ABOVE. ECON COUNSELOR MATTOX HAD INDEED HEARD ABOUT IT FROM OPIC VICE PRESIDENT SMITH DURING RECENT TANGIER CONFERENCE, BUT GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS SOMETHING ON THE BACK BURNER. IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MOVED UP FRONT. I HOPE OUR REPLIES ARE OF SOME HELP IN ENABLING YOU TO WARD OFF THIS IDEA. EILTS

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